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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Monthly Report - July 1981

## I. GENERAL

A. The Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear installation on 8 June led to harsh official criticism of the United States and a noticeable downturn in the Jordanian Government's relations with the Embassy. Immediately after the attack, the Friday sermons in the local mosques vehemently attacked the United States for supporting Israel but stopped short of calling for violence against Americans. There were no threats against the Embassy or American personnel, but the DCM was snubbed by government officials at several receptions he attended. The Bureau also noticed a change in attitude when three days of advertising in the local papers produced only one applicant. The situation was on the upswing toward the end of the month, however, as a rerun of the advertisement in the local papers produced a score of responses.

B. The new U.S. ambassador to Jordan, Richard Noyes Viets, is not expected to arrive in Amman until sometime in August after Ramadan is over. Both the DCM  are of the opinion that Viets' delayed arrival plus an expected \$9 million cutback in U.S. aid will not set well with the Jordanians.

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C. DCM David Zweifel is reportedly in line for the ambassadorship to the Yemen Arab Republic.

## II. OPERATIONS

A. Israel's destruction of the Iraqi nuclear installation kept the Bureau's monitors busy covering Iraq and the Arab world's reaction to the attack and the various conferences held to support Iraq and denounce Israel and the United States. Even Jordan's King Husayn lashed out strongly, for him, against the United States for its support of Israel.

B. The Lebanese missile crisis produced a spate of official and media reaction from Syria, including a Barbara Walters interview with President Saddam Husayn.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Deputy Director [ ] visited the Bureau 1-3 June and met with the DCM [ ]

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B. NEAAD Arabic Program Chief [ ] was in Jordan 15-21 June on an area familiarization and periodical collection tour.

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C. Bureau secretary [ ] and her family departed Jordan 15 June for home leave in the States and then on to her husband's new assignment [ ]

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D. New Bureau secretary [ ] entered on duty 31 May.

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E. Associate editor candidate [ ] began her processing and is expected to enter on duty 12 July.

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F. Senior Editor [ ] family returned to the States 15 June, in advance of Harold's final departure 10 September.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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